PRESIDENT: Will the member be content if I read out to him the Notification?

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): I have got the Notification with me. I want to know which portion of the Notification contains the appointment of the Excise Commissioner as the Controlling Officer of Customs.

PRESIDENT: It vests in the Excise Commissioner the power of the Customs Officer. That is tantamount to giving him the power of the Controlling Officer.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI: (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): I doubt it very much.

Grant to Vishavaidyan Narayana Pillai at Puttur.

21. **MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): (*a*) Are grants awarded to *Vishavaidyans*?

(*b*) If so, to whom and in what localities have such grants been awarded?

(*c*) Have any of the *Vishavaidyans* in South Travancore been awarded grants-in-aid?

(*d*) Has Mr. Narayana Pillai, a *Vishavaidyan* of Kalkulam taluk, applied for a grant for a *Vishavaidyasala* at Puttur? If so, has the grant been allowed? If not, why?

(*e*) Has the Director of Ayurveda examined the proficiency of Mr. Narayana Pillai in *Vishavaidyam*?

(*f*) If not, will the Government be pleased to award a grant to Mr. Narayana Pillai if he is found to be a competent *Vishavaidyan*?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*):
(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Grants have been made to—

1. K. Gopala Kaimal—Peruntanni;
2. Varghese Varghese—Tiruvalla town;
3. Krishna Pillai—Ezhumattur;
4. Sankaran Sankaran—Eraviperur;
5. K. Gopala Pillai—Aranmula; and
6. K. Govinda Pillai—Chengannur.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) and (*f*) If the member will kindly communicate the date of Mr. Narayana Pillai's application or ask him to submit a fresh one, the matter will be carefully considered.

(*e*) No.

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